IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace any previous listing of the claims with the following
replacement listing of the claims:

Replacement Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A computing system, said computing system
   comprising:

   a communication link for bi-directionally providing a communication
   channel between a host computing device and a companion computing
   device, wherein said host computing device has access to at least one
   database in which a plurality of language elements are stored in bitmap
   representations;

   wherein said companion computing device comprisesing a display device
   and further comprisesing a control device for transmitting a request for a
   one of said plurality of language elements to said host computing device
   over said communication link; and

   wherein said host computing device being responsiveresponds to a
   receipt of said request for a-the requested language element by retrieving
   from said at least one database the bitmap representation that
   corresponds to the requested language element, wherein said host
   computing device for transmitsting to said companion computing device
   an image the retrieved bitmap representation of the requested language
   element over said communication link for display on said companion
   display device, wherein said language element is a symbol representative
   of a complete message to be presented on said display device as part of
   a user interface of said companion computing device, wherein said

complete message is comprised of ~~either~~ at least multiple characters of arbitrary language, ~~a character set or a graphic icon,~~ wherein said complete message is formatted for said display device ~~and comprises a bitmap~~, and wherein said companion computing device, without conversion from character codes to graphic elements, presents said bit map representation as a full screen image on said display device.

2. (Currently amended) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said complete message further comprises a character set or a graphic icon ~~host computing device stores the language element as one of a bitmapped representation or a character code representation in at least one database~~.

3. (Currently amended) The computing system of claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein individual ones of a plurality of said databases are each associated with a specific language.

4-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said companion computing device stores the image representation transmitted from said host computing device for later use.

9. (Currently amended) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said companion computing device comprises a digitizer input system having an electronic pen or stylus for handwritten information.

10. (Currently amended) The computing system of claim 1, wherein said communication link is a wired or wireless communication link.

11. (Currently amended) A method of providing language element support to a companion computing device from a host computing device, said method

comprising the steps of:

transmitting a request for a language element to said host computing device from said companion computing device, wherein said language element is one of a plurality of language elements stored in bitmap representations in at least one database, wherein said host computing device has access to said at least one database;

receiving said request for a the language element by said host computing device; and

in response to said receipt of said request for the language element by said host computing device, retrieving from said at least one database the bitmap representation that corresponds to the requested language element, transmitting to said companion computing device a the retrieved bitmapped representation of the requested language element for presentation on a display device of said companion computing device, wherein said language element is a symbol representative of a complete message to be presented as part of the user interface of the companion computing device, wherein said message is comprised of either at least multiple characters of arbitrary language, a character set or a graphic icon, wherein said complete message is formatted for said display device and comprises a bitmap, and wherein said companion computing device, without conversion from character codes to graphic elements, presents said bit map representation as a full screen image on said display device.

12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said complete message further comprises a character set or a graphic iconhost computing device stores the language element as one of a bitmapped representation or a character code representation in at least one database.

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13. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~12~~ 11, wherein individual ones of a plurality of said databases are each associated with a specific language.

14-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said companion computing device stores the bitmapped representation transmitted from said host computing device for later use.

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said companion computing device comprises a digitizer input system having a pen input device for inputting written information.

20. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11, wherein said requested language element is transmitted over a wired or a wireless communication link.

21. (Currently amended) A storage medium having computer readable program instructions embodied therein, said storage medium comprising:

program instructions for transmitting a request for a language element to a host computing device from a companion computing device, wherein said language element is one of a plurality of language elements stored in bitmap representations in at least one database, wherein said host computing device has access to said at least one database;

program instructions for receiving said request for ~~a~~ the language element at said host computing device; and

program instructions, responsive to said receipt of said request for the

language element by said host computing device, for <u>retrieving from said</u> <u>at least one database the bitmap representation that corresponds to the</u> <u>requested language element and for</u> transmitting to said companion computing device a graphical representation of the requested language element for presentation on a display device of -said companion computing device, wherein said language element is a symbol representative of a complete message to be presented as part of the user interface of said companion computing device, wherein said message is comprised of ~~either~~ <u>at least</u> multiple characters of arbitrary language, ~~character set or a graphic icon,~~ wherein said complete message is formatted for said display device ~~and comprises a bitmap~~, and wherein said companion computing device, without conversion from character codes to graphic elements, presents said bit map <u>representation</u> as a full screen image on said display device.

22. (Currently amended) The storage medium of claim 21<u>, wherein said</u> <u>complete message further comprises a character set or a graphic icon</u> ~~further~~ ~~comprising program instructions for enabling said host computing device to~~ ~~select said language element from a database~~, <u>and</u> wherein said database is associated with a specific language.

23. (Currently amended) The storage medium of claim 21<u>,</u> further comprising program instructions for enabling said companion computing device to store the graphical representation transmitted from said host computing device.

24. (Canceled)

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